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1. ON THE EVE OF THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO PARIS THE FRENCH
EMBASSY IN MOSCOW RELEASED TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE FIRST
FOUR MONTHS OF 1977 SHOWING THAT THE NOTEWORTHY INCREASE
IN FRENCH EXPORTS THIS YEAR TO THE USSR (REFTEL B) IS
HOLDING FIRM. ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICS, FRENCH EXPORTS
JANUARY-APRIL ROSE 44.8 PERCENT OVER 1976 TO 2,370 MILLION
FRANCS. SOVIET EXPORTS HAVE ALSO INCREASED, BUT ONLY
BY 3.9 PERCENT OVER 1976 TO 1,467 MILLION FRANCS.

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED (REF A), SOVIET TRADE STATISTICS
FOR THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1977 SHOWED A WIDE DISCREPANCY
FROM COMPARABLE FRENCH FIGURES, WITH FRENCH EXPORTS UP
ONLY BY THREE PRECENT. SOVIET THREE MONTH STATISTICS
VALUED FRENCH EXPORTS AT 228 MILLION RUBLES (ABOUT \$304
MILLION US), WHEREAS THE FRENCH VALUED THEIR OWN EXPORTS
IN THIS PERIOD, AT 1,688.2 MILLION FRANCS.

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